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OF THE

# Secretary of the Treasury,

RESPECTING THE

## VALUATION OF LANDS,

## LOTS,

## DWELLING HOUSES, SLAVES, &c.

IN THE

## STATE OF PENNSYLVAVIA,

IN

OBEDIENCE TO A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OF THE 5th INSTANT,

March 22d, 1816.
Read, and Ordered to lie upon the Table

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*Treasury Department, March* 20th, 1816.

SIR,

In obedience to the resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 7th instant, I have the honour to transmit the following statements, viz:

1st, A statement of the valuations of lands, lots, with their improvements, dwelling houses, and slaves, within the several counties of the State of Pennsylvania, as revised and settled by the board of principal assessors, and the amount of the quota of the direct tax of each under the act of the 9th of January, 1815.

2d. A statement of names of the principal assessors for the several collection districts within the State of Pennsylvania.

The resolution also calls for a statement showing the valuation of real property and slaves in the city of Philadelphia, and in each county of the State of Pennsylvania; the quota or amount of direct tax apportioned to the said city, and each of the said counties, and the rate of tax on the 100 dollars of assessed property, agreeably to the valuation and apportionment made under the act, entitled "An act for the assessment and collection of direct taxes and internal duties," passed July 22d, 1813, and the act entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States," passed August 2d, 1803.

No valuation, or assessment, was made under these acts, in the State of Pennsylvania; that State having, in pursuance of a provision to that effect contained in the act of the 2d of August, 1813, assumed and paid its quota of the tax; in which case, by the same act, it was directed that no valuation or assessment should take place. The only part, therefore, of the statement called for by this member of the resolution of the House, which can be furnished, is the quota or amount of tax apportioned to the city of Philadelphia, and each county within the State of Pennsylvania." This was fixed by the act of Congress of the 2d of August, 1813, and a copy thereof is annexed, marked 3.

The resolution also requires such statement of the transactions of the board of principal assessors within the said State, as reported to the Treasury Department, as will show what charges, if any, have been made by them in the relative valuation of property in any of the counties, and the principles on which they proceeded in performing the duties required of them by the act of the 9th of January, 1815.

The changes made by the board of principal assessors, in the valuations of the several counties, as first made by the individual assessors, and which changes were deemed necessary by the board, for equalizing the valuations of property throughout the State, are exhibited in the statement, first above mentioned, marked 1.

The principles on which they proceeded, in performing this duty, so far as they have been reported to this department, consisted of an endeavour, by a careful and repeated examination of the valuations in every county, and in every part of the State, to obtain an equal and just valuation universally, of the property subject to the direct tax. The actual cash-price of the property was made the basis; and each principal assessor was required, in relation to his own district, to inform the board what rate of addition, or whether any

was necessary to bring the valuations to this standard. The same having been considered first in committee of the whole and then by tne board, the decisions were made by the majority, and the result is exhibited in the above-mentioned statement, marked 1.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. J. DALLAS,

*Secretary of the Treasury.*

*The hon. the Speaker,*

*of the House of Representatives.*

*in tral counties of the State*
*e Quach.*

| ion a-and ed by rd. | Amount of the Quota of the Tax. |
|---|---|
| 32,81 00 | 69.193 31½ |
| 22,15 60 | 46,662 82½ |
| 24,20 90 | 51,040 82 |
| 8,15 90 | 17,125 67 |
| 12.17 33 | 26,305 64 |
| 16,31 00 | 34,402 61 |
| 39,22 75 | 82.723 17½ |
| 16.83 20 | 35,490 62½ |
| 9,21 90 | 19.424 01 |
| 20,08 39 | 43,314 13 |
| 983 13 | 2,072 61 |
| 26,035 00 | 55,000 09½ |
| 19.103 40 | 40,281 83½ |
| 13,706 01 | 28.890 88½ |
| 12,353 20 | 26,049 53 |
| 10,176 59½ | 21,459 47½ |
| 4.301 00 | 9.971 38 |
| 6,213 00 | 13.166 73½ |
| 3,821 88 | 8,058 16½ |
| 3,658 06 | 7,714 01½ |
| 913 70 | 1,926 45 |
| 4,329 45½ | 9,130 43 |
| 1,7967 56½ | 3.787 53½ |
| 5.8268 82½ | 12,286 97½ |
| 5,8379 00 | 12,310 06½ |
| 7054 03½ | 1,487 27½ |
| 4.9901 85½ | 10,523 32 |
| 9019 04½ | 1.900 49 |
| 3,2526 69½ | 6,859 70 |
| 6525 70 | 1,375 89½ |
| 3968 00 | 824 02½ |
| 1081 26 | 228 08½ |
| 4465 04½ | 942 53 |
| | |
| 3,6332 80 | 7,661 37 |
| 3,5714 74½ | 7,531 79½ |
| | |
| 6964 82½ | 1,469 50 |
| 1.2219 40 | 2,583 93½ |
| 1,0896 20 | 2,295 34½ |
| 1,3359 80 | 2,821 61 |
| 1,0597 20 | 2,218 59 |
| 4818 19 | 1,032 47½ |
| 1,0784 42 | 2,257 79 |
| 4854 60 | 1,025 59 |
| 6,6:89 32 | $ 730,958 32 |

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*STATEMENT of the valuations of Lands, Lots, with their improvements, Dwelling Houses and Slaves, within the several counties of the State of Pennsylvania, as revised and settled by the Board of Principal Assessors, and the amount of the Quota of each.*

| Number of Districts. | COUNTIES. | Aggregate valuation, as determined by the Principal Assessor. | Rate per centum, decided by the Board, to be added or deducted therefrom. Added. | Deducted. | Valuation as revised and settled by the Board. | Amount of the Quota of the Tax. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Philadelphia, | 28,532,820 00 | 15 per cent. | | 32,812,743 00 | 69,193 31½ |
| 2 | County of Philadelphia, | 18,440,308 00 | 20 .. .. | | 22,128,369 60 | 46,662 82½ |
| 3 | Chester, | 22,004,089 00 | 10 .. .. | | 24,204,497 90 | 51,040 82 |
| | Delaware, | 7,383,009 00 | 10 .. .. | | 8,121,309 90 | 17,125 67 |
| 4 | Montgomery, | 9,355,963 00 | 33⅓ .. .. | | 12,474,617 33 | 26,305 64 |
| 5 | Bucks, | 16,314,349 00 | . . . | | 16,314,349 00 | 34,402 61 |
| 6 | Lancaster, | 34,112,045 00 | 15 .. .. | | 39,228,851 75 | 82,723 17½ |
| 7 | York, | 14,025,256 00 | 20 .. .. | | 16,830,307 20 | 35,490 62½ |
| | Adams, | 8,373,839 00 | 10 .. .. | | 9,211,222 90 | 19,421 01 |
| 8 | Northampton, | 18,254,879 45 | 10 .. .. | | 20,080,367 39 | 43,344 13 |
| | Wayne, | 893,518 30 | 10 .. .. | | 982,870 13 | 2,072 61 |
| 9 | Berks, | 23,710,960 10 | 10 .. .. | | 26,082,056 00 | 55,000 09½ |
| 10 | Dauphin, | 15,918,657 00 | 20 .. .. | | 19,102,388 40 | 40,281 83½ |
| 11 | Cumberland, | 11,913,554 79½ | 15 .. .. | | 13,700,588 01 | 28,890 88½ |
| | Franklin, | 12,353,167 20 | . . . | | 12,353,167 20 | 26,049 53 |
| 12 | Northumberland, | 9,251,344 18 | 10 .. .. | | 10,176,478 59½ | 21,459 47½ |
| 13 | Mifflin, | 4,301,815 00 | . . . | | 4,301,815 00 | 9,071 38 |
| | Huntington, | 6,243,907 00 | . . . | | 6,243,907 00 | 13,166 73½ |
| 14 | Bedford, | 1,661,447 34 | 130 .. .. | | 3,821,328 88 | 8,058 16½ |
| | Somerset, | 1,590,490 46 | 130 .. .. | | 3,658,138 06 | 7,714 01½ |
| | Cambria, | 397,199 00 | 130 .. .. | | 913,557 70 | 1,926 45 |
| 15 | Fayette, | 4,123,636 62 | 5 .. .. | | 4,329,818 45½ | 9,130 43 |
| | Green, | 1,496,764 64 | 20 .. .. | | 1,796,117 56½ | 3,787 53½ |
| 16 | Washington, | 5,549,246 50 | 5 .. .. | | 5,826,708 82½ | 12,286 97½ |
| 17 | Alleghany, | 5,837,659 00 | . . . | | 5,837,659 00 | 12,310 06½ |
| | Armstrong, | 542,533 87½ | 30 .. .. | | 705,294 03½ | 1,487 27½ |
| 18 | Westmoreland, | 4,990,351 85½ | . . . | | 4,990,351 85½ | 10,523 32 |
| | Indiana, | 819,317 31½ | 10 .. .. | | 901,249 04½ | 1,900 49 |
| 19 | Centre, | 2,710,830 58 | 20 .. .. | | 3,252,996 69½ | 6,859 70 |
| | Clearfield, | 543,729 75 | 20 .. .. | | 652,475 70 | 1,375 89½ |
| | Potter, | 325,640 00 | 20 .. .. | | 390,768 00 | 824 02½ |
| | Jefferson, | 90,134 39 | 20 .. .. | | 108,161 26 | 228 08½ |
| | M'Kean, | 372,470 87 | 20 .. .. | | 446,965 04½ | 942 53 |
| 20 | Luzerne, with the same limits as before the counties of Susquehannah and Bradford were laid off, | 3,159,272 00 | 15 .. .. | | 3,633,162 80 | 7,661 37 |
| 21 | Lycoming and Tioga. the same limits as before the county of Bradford was laid off, | 3,484,599 74½ | 2½ .. .. | | 3,571,714 74½ | 7,531 79½ |
| | Tioga, | 679,868 12½ | 2½ .. .. | | 696,864 82½ | 1,469 50 |
| 22 | Mercer, | 1,113,954 00 | 10 .. .. | | 1,225,349 40 | 2,583 93½ |
| | Butler, | 989,542 00 | 10 .. .. | | 1,088,496 20 | 2,295 34½ |
| | Beaver, | 1,216,418 00 | 10 .. .. | | 1,338,059 80 | 2,821 61 |
| 23 | Crawford, | 956,452 00 | 10 .. .. | | 1,052,097 20 | 2,218 59 |
| | Venango, | 445,108 09½ | 10 .. .. | | 489,618 19 | 1,032 47½ |
| | Erie, | 973,349 47 | 10 .. .. | | 1,070,684 42 | 2,257 79 |
| | Warren, | 442,140 55 | 10 .. .. | | 486,354 60 | 1,025 59 |
| | | $ 305,895,637 11 | | | $ 316,633,889 32 | $ 730,958 32 |

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NAMES of the principal Assessors within the State of Pennsylvania, and the Counties composing their several Districts.

| *Districts.* | *Names.* | *Counties.* |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Andrew Geyer, | City of Philadelphia. |
| 2 | Joseph Starne, | County of Philadelphia, |
| 3 | John Reese, | Chester and Delaware. |
| 4 | John Wentz, | Montgomery. |
| 5 | Thomas B. Montanye, | Bucks. |
| 6 | Joseph Cottrell, | Lancaster. |
| 7 | Matthew Clark, | York and Adams. |
| 8 | James H. Horner, | Northampton and Wayne. |
| 9 | Nicholas Seitzinger, | Berks. |
| 10 | William Allison, | Dauphin. |
| 11 | John M·Ginnis, | Cumberland and Franklin, |
| 12 | Thomas Smith, | Northumberland. |
| 13 | Arthur Moore, | Mifflin and Huntingdon. |
| 14 | John Fleming, | Bedford, Somerset, and Cambria. |
| 15 | David Breading, | Fayette and Greene. |
| 16 | Robert Anderson, | Washington. |
| 17 | Richard Robinson, | Alleghany and Armstrong. |
| 18 | Richard E. Caruthers, | Westmoreland and Indiana. |
| 19 | William A. Petrickin, | Centre, Clearfield, Potter, Jefferson, and M·Kean, |
| 20 | Joseph Tuttle, | Luzerne, having the same limits as before the counties of Susquehannah and Bradford were laid off. |
| 21 | Joseph Wood, | Lycoming and Tioga, having the same limits as before the county of Bradford was laid off. |
| 22 | William Leet, | Mercer, Butler, and Beaver. |
| 23 | Hugh Andrews, | Crawford, Venango, Erie, and Warren. |

*Quotas of the several Counties of Pennsylvania of the Direct Tax, as imposed by the Act of the 2d of August,* 1813.

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|---|---|
| City of Philadelphia, | $ 79,500 00 |
| County of Philadelphia, | 38,230 00 |
| Chester, | 18,270 00 |
| Delaware, | 7,060 00 |
| Montgomery, | 15,300 00 |
| Bucks, | 16,600 00 |
| Lancaster, | 37,400 00 |
| York, | 11,540 00 |
| Adams, | 5,450 00 |
| Northampton, | 11,140 00 |
| Wayne, | 2,640 00 |
| Berks, | 21.550 00 |
| Dauphin, | 17,650 00 |
| Cumberland, | 10,300 00 |
| Franklin, | 9,000 00 |
| Northumberland, | 7,580 00 |
| Mifflin, | 3,500 00 |
| Huntingdon, | 3,070 00 |
| Bedford, | 2,000 00 |
| Somerset, | 2,610 00 |
| Cambria, | 400 00 |
| Fayette, | 4,500 00 |
| Greene, | 2,130 00 |
| Washington, | 6,920 00 |
| Alleghany, | 5,210 00 |
| Armstrong, | 1,250 00 |
| Westmoreland, | 5,440 00 |
| Indiana and Jefferson, | 1,320 00 |
| Centre, | 3,150 00 |
| Clearfield, Potter, and M'Kean, | 300 00 |
| Luzerne, having the same limits as before the formation of the counties of Susquehannah and Bradford, | 2,720 00 |
| Lycoming, having the same limits as before the formation of the county of Bradford, | 2,500 00 |
| Tioga, | 389 16 |
| Mercer, | 1,710 00 |
| Butler, | 1,500 00 |
| Beaver, | 2,510 00 |
| Crawford, | 1,260 00 |
| Venango and Warren, | 800 00 |
| Erie, | 780 00 |
| | $ 365,479 16 |